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SUBJECT: KENYAN GOVERNMENT EXPELS U.S. BUSINESSMAN

REF: NAIROBI 0367

1.;) C.E. LYDDON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ESSO AFRICA, HAS JUST PHONED ME FROM LONDON TO SAY THAT HE WILL ARRIVE IN NAIROBI TOMORROW MORNING AND TO REQUEST THAT I MAKE NO OFFICIAL DEMARCHE TO GOK RE SKANE'S EXPULSION UNTIL HE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS OTHER ALTERNATIVES WITH ME. WHILE I DOUBT THAT THERE ARE OTHER VIABLE ALTERNATIVES HE CAN PURSUE ON HIS OWN, I SEE NO HARM IN DELAYING DEMARCHE UNTIL LATER TOMORROW. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT UNDULY DELAY APPROACH SO AS TO CONVEY DISINTEREST TO GOK AND THEREBY LAY OPEN OTHER U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO SIMILARLY UNREASONABLE TREATMENT BY GOK AUTHORITIES.

2. LYDDON WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN GOK PERMISSION FOR SKANE TO RETURN TO HIS DUTIES IN KENYA ON PERMANENT BASIS, BUT IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, HE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SKANE RETURN FOR SHORT PERIOD TO WIND UP HIS AFFAIRS. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO COMMIT HIMSELF NOW AS TO WHICH, IF EITHER, OF THESE REQUESTS SHOULD BE RELAYED TO GOK IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DEMARCHE WE MAKE.

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3. IN VIEW OF LYDDON'S REQUEST PARA 2 ABOVE, I RECOMMEND THAT

DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDE FOR NOTE COVERING FIRST TWO
POINTS SUGGESTED IN PARA 8 OF REFTL (I.E., REQUEST FOR EXPLANA-
TION AND COMPLAINT RE SHORT NOTICE) PLUS ANY OTHER BROADER
IMPLICATIONS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INCLUDE. ASIDE FROM THIS,
I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING GIVEN DISCRETION TO WORK OUT WITH
LYDDON WHAT, IF ANY, REQUEST (WHICH I WOULD MAKE ORALLY RATHER
THAN IN WRITING) I SHOULD MAKE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH RESPECT
TO SKANE'S POSSIBLE RETURN TO KENYA.
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